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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Southern Energy, Inc.

Docket No. DI15-02-000

NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION  
AND SOLICITING COMMENTS,  
PROTESTS, AND MOTIONS TO INTERVENE

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Declaration of Intention
- b. Docket No: DI15-02-000
- c. Date Filed: January 16, 2015
- d. Applicant: Southern Energy, Inc.
- e. Name of Project: Walker Lake Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The proposed Walker Lake Hydroelectric Project would be located on Wilson Lake, near the City of Haines, in Haines Borough, Alaska.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 USC 817(b) (2012).
- h. Applicant Contact: John Floreske, Jr., President, Southern Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 489, Mile 1.5 Haines Highway, Haines, AK 99827; telephone: (909) 766-2899; e-mail: [northern@aptalaska.net](mailto:northern@aptalaska.net)
- i. FERC Contact: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Jennifer Polardino, (202) 502-6437, or e-mail: [Jennifer.Polardino@ferc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Polardino@ferc.gov)

j. Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene is: 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, protests, and motions to intervene using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number DI15-02-000.

k. Description of Project: The proposed Walker Lake Hydroelectric Project would consist of: (1) two rockfilled 15-foot-wide dams, creating 4,300 acre-feet of usable storage capacity in Walker Lake at a normal maximum operating elevation of 1,195 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) a concrete spillway and diversion channel for controlled releases to Walker Creek; (3) a freestanding concrete intake and reservoir outlet works at elevation 1,170 feet msl diverting flow from the southeast dam into the penstock; (4) a 24-inch-diameter, 12,000-foot-long penstock, of which approximately 10,000 feet would be buried and 2,000 feet would be aboveground; (5) a powerhouse containing one generating unit rated at 1 megawatt at 780 feet of net head; (6) a 50-foot-long tailrace connecting the powerhouse with the Little Salmon River; (7) an underground, 4-mile-long, 12.5 kilovolt transmission line extending from the project to a point of interconnection with Inside Passage Electric Cooperative's power grid; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the project would affect the interests of interstate or foreign commerce. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) would be located on a non-navigable stream over which Congress has Commerce Clause jurisdiction and would be constructed or enlarged after 1935.

l. Locations of the Application: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register

online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above and in the Commission's Public Reference Room located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTESTS", and "MOTIONS TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Docket Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any Motion to Intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. Agency Comments: Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Dated: March 16, 2015

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.